

PRESS RELEASE

Greenfield Township Fire Fighter Receives Dual Certification as a Fire Instructor

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Greenfield Twp. PA. December 31, 2007 – The Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. announced that one of their members has been certified by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and National Professional Qualifications Board (NPFQB) as a Fire Service Instructor Level I and II.

Fire Fighter Leigh Bales, of the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, has completed all testing required to meet both Level I and II of the Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1041, published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The testing process is designed to evaluate a fire service instructor's ability to perform all skills required to develop, manage, and administer a fire service educational systems. The testing includes an evaluation of the instructor's ability to direct fire fighter development, design courses materials, administer a training record system, and develop other fire service instructors.

Leigh holds a number of other Certifications including Fire Fighter Level II, Hazardous Materials Operational Responder, Rescue Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, and several SCUBA diving certifications. Leigh's involvement in the fire service dates back to her early childhood in Great Neck, Long Island, where her father, Ralph Fliedner was President of the Vigilant Hose Company. Upon moving to Wayne County in the mid-nineties, Leigh joined the Lake Ariel Fire Company, where prior to her move to Greenfield she held the rank of Lieutenant. Leigh has been a member of the Greenfield Fire Department for five years. As a Certified Fire Instructor, Leigh joins four other Greenfield firefighters: (Chief Bales, Assistant Chief Fortuner, Lieutenant Lubash, and Lieutenant Whitelavich), and who previously certified at both levels.

The Voluntary Fire Fighter Certification Program was created by Act 112 of 1989, and amended by Act 61 of 1995. Commonwealth emergency responders, 18 years of age or older have an opportunity to participate in and be recognized as a certified fire professional at various levels in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned professional qualification standards.